



IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listings of Claims:

1.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus which forms image information and information associated therewith on a print medium, the printing apparatus comprising: information-obtaining ~~means~~unit which receives the image information and obtains the information associated therewith, the associated information including attached information that is read out in relation to the image information or added information that is input or selected by input/operation ~~means~~unit in accordance with the image information; ~~printing means~~printer which includes a transfer head which forms the image information on the print medium and which transfers a film sheet onto the image-printed surface of the print medium; and control ~~means~~unit which controls energy applied to the transfer head and changes a property of the film sheet, thereby forming the associated information on the film sheet as a watermark,

wherein, when information indicating the orientation of the image is input or selected, or when information indicating the orientation of the image that is included in the attached information is read out, the control unit determines the position and orientation in which the associated information is to be formed in accordance with the orientation of the image.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus which forms image information and information associated therewith on a print medium, the printing apparatus comprising: information-obtaining unit which receives the image information and obtains the information associated therewith, the associated information including attached information that is read out in relation to the image information or added information that is input or selected by input/operation unit in accordance with the image information; printer which includes a transfer head which forms the image information on the print medium and which transfers a film sheet onto the image-printed surface of the print medium; and control unit which controls energy applied to the transfer head and changes a property of the film sheet, thereby forming the associated information on the film sheet as a watermark. ~~A printing apparatus according to claim 7 further comprising~~ and image storage means ~~unit~~ which stores the image information, a storage area of the image storage ~~means~~ unit being used also for storing the associated information.

10. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus according to claim [8] 7 further comprising image storage ~~means~~ unit which stores the image information, a storage area of the image storage ~~means~~ unit being used also for storing the associated information.

11. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus according to claims 7 and 9, wherein the associated information includes at least one of date information indicating a date on which the image is photographed, a date on which the image is created, or a date on which the image information is processed, information indicating a name of an image file or a comment, and information for displaying copyright or a copyright holder, the associated information being obtained and formed on the film sheet.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus which forms image information and information associated therewith on a print medium, the printing apparatus comprising: information-obtaining unit which receives the image information and obtains the information associated therewith, the associated information including attached information that is read out in relation to the image information or added information that is input or selected by input/operation unit in accordance with the image information; printer which includes a transfer head which forms the image information on the print medium and which transfers a film sheet onto the image-printed surface of the print medium; and control unit which controls energy applied to the transfer head and changes a property of the film sheet, thereby forming the associated information on the film sheet as a watermark. ~~A printing apparatus according to claim 7,~~

wherein the image information and the information associated therewith are read out from an image file based on a format which includes the associated information as tag information, the image information being formed on the print medium and the associated information being formed on the film sheet as a watermark.

14. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus according to claims [8] 7 and 9, wherein the image information and the information associated therewith are read out from an image file based on a format which includes the associated information as tag information, the

image information being formed on the print medium and the associated information being formed on the film sheet as a watermark.

15. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus according to claims 7, 9, and 13, wherein the control ~~means~~unit selects from a plurality of control values which are set stepwise in correspondence with the energy applied to the transfer head in the process of transferring the film sheet, and determines glossy regions and matt regions on the film sheet or changes the glossiness of the film sheet, thereby forming the associated information as a watermark.

16. (Original) A printing apparatus according to claims 7, 9, and 13 further comprising a data storage unit which stores font data for forming characters and symbols representing the associated information on the film sheet.

17-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A printing method by which image information and information associated therewith are formed on a print medium, the printing method comprising the steps of: receiving the image information and obtaining the information associated therewith, the associated information including attached information that is read out in relation to the image information or added information that is input or selected by input/operation ~~means~~unit in accordance with the image information; printing the image information on the print medium; and covering the image-printed surface of the print medium with a film sheet and forming the associated information on the film sheet as a watermark,

wherein the information associated with the image information is read out from an image file based on a format which includes the associated information as tag information.

24. (Original) A printing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the associated information includes at least one of date information indicating a date on which the image is photographed, a date on which the image is created, or a date on which the image information is processed, information indicating a name of an image file or a comment, and information for displaying copyright or a copyright holder, the associated information being obtained and formed on the film sheet.

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Original) A printing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein a plurality of control values are set stepwise in correspondence with energy applied to a transfer head for transferring the film sheet, and, at the step of forming the associated information, the control values are selectively used in such a manner that surface glossiness of the film sheet is made relatively low at regions where the associated information is formed.

27. (Original) A printing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein a plurality of control values are set stepwise in correspondence with energy applied to a transfer head for transferring the film sheet, and, at the step of forming the associated information, the control values are selectively used in such a manner that surface glossiness of the film sheet is made relatively high at regions where the associated information is formed.